

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 9/20/04 and Examiner's Amendment filed herein.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20040823
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Reichman on 12/6/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, line 4: --which is stored in a database-- has been inserted after "...missing person..." but before ";".

In Claim 1, line 6: --which is stored in a database-- has been inserted after "...send mail to..." but before ";".

In Claim 1, line 9: "...determining if..." has been deleted and --comparing-- has been substituted therefor; and "...includes..." has been deleted and --information to-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, lines 10 and 11: "...list of parties; E. producing..." has been deleted and --list of parties which are stored in the database for producing-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, line 14: "...F..." has been deleted and --E-- has been substituted therefore; and "...a list..." has been deleted and --the produced list-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, line 16: "...G..." has been deleted and --F-- has been substituted therefore.

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In Claim 6, line 4: --which is stored in a database-- has been inserted after “...missing person...” but before “;”.

In Claim 1, line 6: --which is stored in a database-- has been inserted after “...send mail to...” but before “;”.

In Claim 1, line 9: “...determining if...” has been deleted and --comparing-- has been substituted therefor; and “...includes...” has been deleted and --information to-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, lines 10 and 11: “...list of parties; E. producing...” has been deleted and --list of parties which are stored in the database for producing-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, line 14: “...F...” has been deleted and --E-- has been substituted therefore; and “...a list...” has been deleted and --the produced list-- has been substituted therefor.

In Claim 1, line 16: “...G...” has been deleted and --F-- has been substituted therefore.

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art made of record, in the previous office action discloses the use of mail scanning systems which is used for sorting and for analyzing mail addresses. The prior art of record also discloses the use of strategies that track and monitor e-mail as well as surveillance strategies. However a method for aiding in the location of a missing person, where the mail is scanned to determine if both the missing person and a party that the missing person is likely to send mail to, is the sender and receiver of the mail piece, and where a

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list is produced of the information and delivered to a party that is permitted by law to receive it, is not taught nor rendered obvious over the prior art of record.

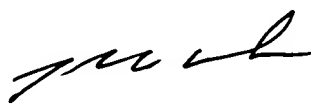
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamisue A. Webb whose telephone number is (703) 308-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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